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Communications in a Serial §
Attached SCSI Storage Network §

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**DECLARATION OF DALE DUTY
SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Dale Duty, hereby declare and state that:

1. I am a Senior Patent Paralegal at Dell Inc. ("Dell"), and I am responsible for the administration of Dell's invention disclosure program. I am knowledgeable about the system that Dell has in place for receiving invention disclosures from Dell inventors, approving an invention disclosure for the preparation of a patent application, and the assignment of an approved invention disclosure to outside counsel for the preparation of a patent application.

2. A redacted copy of a Dell invention disclosure is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A. This invention disclosure has been titled "Dual Ported SAS Bridge for Single Ported SATA Device" and has been assigned Dell reference number DC-05472. As indicated by the submission date in the "Relevant Dates and Disclosures" section of the

disclosure, this invention disclosure was submitted to Dell's invention disclosure system on May 12, 2003. This invention was submitted by inventor John S. Loffink.

3. On June 30, 2003, the DC-05472 invention disclosure was approved by Dell for the preparation of a patent application. On August 1, 2003, the invention disclosure was submitted by Dell to the law firm Baker Botts L.L.P. for the preparation of a patent application.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true. I declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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